

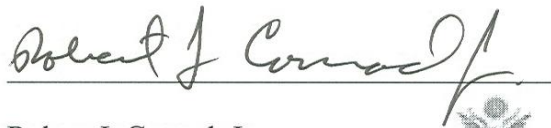
¹ In Plaintiff's Pro Se Objection, Plaintiff only makes general and conclusory assertions that do not direct the Court to a specific error in the M&R. As such, de novo review of the record was not required. Orpiano v. Johnson, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982) (noting that de novo review of the record is not required "when a party makes general or conclusory objections that do not direct the court to a specific error in the magistrate judge's proposed findings and recommendations"). However, wide latitude is extended to the pleadings of pro se litigants, see Haines v. Kerner, 404 U.S. 519, 520 (1972) (directing courts to "[c]onstru[e] [a pro se]

recommendation to grant Defendant's Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Rules 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is correct and in accordance with law. Accordingly, the findings and conclusions of the M&R are accepted, and Defendant's Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED**.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The Magistrate Judge's M&R, (Doc. No. 13), is **ADOPTED**;
- (2) Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, (Doc. No. 9), is **GRANTED**, and Plaintiff's claims are **DISMISSED**; and
- (3) The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate this case and send copies of this Order to Pro Se Plaintiff and counsel for Defendant.

Signed: February 26, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert J. Conrad, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
United States District Judge



petitioner's inartful pleading liberally"), and accordingly, has conducted a de novo review).